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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1302

July 23, 2007

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Implementing a Free Wireless Broadband Internet Service
(WT Docket 07-16 & 07-30)

Dear Chairman Martin:

I respectfully write to you on behalf of the more than 650,000 residents of the 2nd Congressional District of Illinois to urge you to take action on the pending license application of M2Z Networks, Inc. This is a significant opportunity to benefit small business entrepreneurs and public safety officers. I believe that the free nationwide broadband network will have an immense impact on the quality of public education in this country. This would be one step toward the goal of ensuring that all Americans have equal access to high quality education.

M2Z looks beyond race, wealth, and status to serve all Americans equally. This service will help all students take full advantage of broadband internet, ensuring that every student can conduct research, complete projects online, and apply to America's best colleges and universities.

In addition, the company's free service will unlock great opportunity for small businesses. Data from the National Federation of Independent Businesses indicates that only 57 percent of small businesses use the internet for business related activities and even fewer have high-speed connectivity. More astonishingly, 65 percent of small businesses do not have company websites. Once adopted, M2Z's proposal will help address the broadband adoption challenges faced by resource-constrained small businesses. Furthermore, M2Z will give small businesses a cost-effective opportunity to expand their operations online, thus opening the door to the promise of e-commerce.

M2Z also benefits the thousands of public safety officers and first responders that put their lives on the line for all of us everyday. M2Z has committed to making its free network available to every public safety officer in the nation. More importantly, M2Z will ensure that public safety has priority and preemptive access to its network when disasters strike.

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In closing, I strongly urge you to act upon M2Z's long pending application. These new entrants seek to advance the public interest and should receive a prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Jesse L. Jackson, Jr.
Member of Congress

cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein
Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell